

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
ROANOKE DIVISION**

<b>GREGORY W. DODL,</b>	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	Case No. 7:23CV00032
	)	
v.	)	<b>OPINION</b>
	)	
<b>V. R. YOUNCE, WARDEN,</b>	)	JUDGE JAMES P. JONES
	)	
Respondent.	)	

*Gregory W. Dodl, pro se Petitioner.*

The petitioner, a Virginia inmate serving a life sentence imposed by a Virginia court, has filed a Petition seeking relief under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1). However, the relief petitioner seeks — compassionate release or modification of his sentence — is applicable only to federal inmates. A federal court lacks the power to grant the relief the petitioner seeks.

For these reasons, the Petition will be dismissed. Because he has not made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right and reasonable jurists would not find the court's procedural ruling to be debatable or wrong, a Certificate of Appealability is denied. A separate final order will be entered herewith.

DATED: February 22, 2023

/s/ JAMES P. JONES  
Senior United States District Judge